

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **H.3532**

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TO:	The Honorable Leon Howard, Chairman, House Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs Committee		
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SUBJECT:	Consent for Invasive Procedures		

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

Minimal (Some additional costs expected but can be absorbed)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

Minimal (Some additional costs expected but can be absorbed)

BILL SUMMARY:

House Bill 3532 amends Article 3, Chapter 7, Title 44 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, by adding Section 44-7-329 that requires hospitals and/or physicians to obtain a patient's signature on an informed, written consent form before performing any invasive procedure.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

Department of Health and Human Services

The Department indicates this Bill would have no impact on the General Fund of the State or on Federal and/or Other Funds as most, if not all, impacted providers have already implemented policies addressed in this Bill.

Department of Mental Health (DMH)

The Department reports this Bill would have a minimal impact on the General Fund of the State and on Other Funds, which could be absorbed within its current resources. DMH does have directives in place to require signed documentation for the patient's informed consent for "major medical procedures". Depending on how the term "invasive procedure" is interpreted, DMH may have to expand the number of procedures for which a signed consent form would have to be obtained.

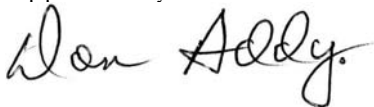
Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC)

The Department indicates this Bill would have no impact on the General Fund of the State or on Federal and/or Other funds. The Department does not perform any procedures in a hospital setting, but does contract with physicians to perform such procedures. DHEC already requires written consent for any procedure paid for by DHEC and performed by a doctor in a hospital setting.

Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC)

MUSC indicates this Bill would have no impact on the General Fund of the State or on Federal and/or Other funds. Patients are already required to provide written consent before any invasive procedures are performed.

Approved by:



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